



Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:00 a.m.
House Room D, General Assembly Building

Delegate Tom Rust, chairman of JCOTS, called the meeting to order.

Alison Palmer, an 11th grade student at Deep Run High School and Princess Culpepper, and 11th grade student at Thomas Jefferson High School, addressed JCOTS and shared their experiences in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics, a national program aimed at inspiring young people to be science and technology leaders. The two students requested to address JCOTS, and wanted to share the positive impact that participation has had on their academic experience. They indicated that less-affluent schools in Virginia do not all have access to a FIRST team, and they concluded their presentation by asking the legislators to consider establishing a grant program to help establish teams, and a stipend program to support teachers who work with the teams.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to receiving annual updates from the Secretary of Technology, the State Chief Information Officer, and the President of the Center for Innovation Technology. JCOTS also received an update regarding the eHHR program. Finally, staff provided a brief status update on the staff study being conducted regarding Commonwealth preparedness for responding to electromagnetic pulses and geomagnetic disturbances, as directed by SJ 61 (2014).

A copy of each of the presentations is available on the JCOTS website.
